

SNPMIS

Special Needs Program Management Information System

The Special Needs Program Management Information System (SNPMIS) provides access to a comprehensive program of therapy, medical support, and social services for young Military Health System (MHS) beneficiaries with special needs.

SNPMIS is the MHS automated information system designed to ensure the Department of Defense meets the unique information requirements associated with implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The IDEA requires the provision of early intervention services for children from birth through age two who are developmentally delayed. It also requires the provision of medically related educational services for developmentally delayed individuals from age 3 to 21.

SNPMIS captures and records referral, evaluation, eligibility, and service plan data for children with special needs who are eligible for MHS services under IDEA. These functionalities are fulfilled through the system's two major components - Child Processes and Provider Functions.

The Child Processes component focuses on both the identification of children who may have special needs and the delivery of services to those who actually qualify for services. The *Provider Functions* component addresses the activities of the professionals (e.g., occupational and physical therapists, speech and language pathologists, audiologists, and family education specialists) responsible for carrying out evaluation processes used to determine a child's needs.

As a customer-oriented system, SNPMIS makes it convenient for Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) personnel to care for children with special needs. The system's remote function allows EDIS staff members to enter a young beneficiary's data while conducting activities from that child's school or home.

SNPMIS is currently used in 45 EDIS clinics at Army, Navy, and Air Force installations worldwide.

In 2002, SNPMIS was selected as a finalist for the Business Solutions in the Public Interest Award.